



How **Safe and Effective** COVID-19 Vaccines Come to You



1.

Scientists had a head start.

- The COVID-19 vaccines were built upon years of work to develop vaccines for similar viruses.

Vaccines are safe and work to prevent COVID-19. Millions of people in the U.S. have already received them.

- Trials included diverse participants, including Black and Hispanic/Latinx volunteers.
- Vaccines were found to help prevent COVID-19 and are effective in preventing hospitalization and death, with no serious safety concerns noted in the clinical trials.



2.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reviews trials and determines if vaccines are safe and effective.

- An independent, scientific committee checks the work.
- Vaccines are authorized and recommended for use.



3.

Companies manufacture vaccines and the federal government distributes them.

- High quality vaccines are manufactured for distribution.
- The federal government ships the vaccines and vaccination supply kits to vaccine providers each week.
- Supplies are limited—states don't get all the vaccines they need right away.



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5.

Safety and effectiveness are continuously monitored.

- Like all vaccines, the FDA keeps checking safety through its reporting systems.
- Health care providers report serious side effects or serious illness.